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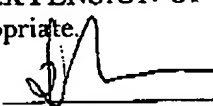
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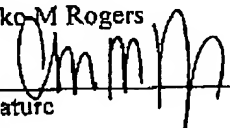
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed February 24, 2006,  
Applicants elect Species I (Figs. 1-5) without traverse. Claims 1-4, 8-9 and 12 are  
readable upon the elected species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. Please charge any  
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Respectfully submitted,

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